1994. [*Transferred to 19th* March, 1993]

Payment made by M/s Hoechst

1995. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether M/s. Hoechst had paid full amount of Rs. 312.20 lakhs which was due from them as per the assessment of the Special Team; and

(b) whether the company was given an understanding that there were no dues against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) M/s. Hoechst have made part payment of Rs. 312.10 lakhs.

(b) No Sir.

Retirement age for defence personnel

1996. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the prescribed age of retirement of different category of defence personnel in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that the defence personnel retiring at an early age deprives the state of their rich experience; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take advantage of their experience/skill?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) The age of retirement of Service personnel in the Navy and the Air Force, and of Officers in all three Services, vary from 50 years to 60 years, depending upon their rank and the Branch in which they function.

Retirement ages of personnel below Officers rank in the Army vary from 17 years of service or 40 years of age, whichever is earlier, to 32 years of service or 52 years of age, whichever is earlier.

Retiring personnel have been given the benefit of reservation in various appointments under the Government of India, State Governments and Public Sector Undertakings. Recruitment in the Defence Security Corps is done exclusively from Defence personnel.

Defence production unit in Raigarh, Madhya Pradesh

1997. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up a Defence production unit in Raigarh district of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether site has been selected for this purpose; and

(c) the other steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Resolutions adopted by Danapur Cantt.

1998. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of resolution adopted by Cantonment Board, Danapur, Bihar from January, 1990 to February, 1993;

(b) the number and details of resolutions out of them implemented so far; and

(c) the reasons for not implementing the remaining resolution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) During January 1990 to February 1993 the Danapur Cantonment Board had passed 349 resolutions. Most of these resolutions are at various stages of implementation. Four resolutions relating to the following items have not been implemented due to paucity of funds:—

(1) Improvement of children's park at Marshal Bazar.

(2) Installation of Generator.

(3) Payment for the acquisition of land for trenching ground.

Maritime security challenges in Indian Ocean

1999. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under their consideration for reviewing the maritime security challenges particularly in the context of Pakistan's Naval expansion plans and the increasing quantum of trade and oil shipment across the Indian Ocean; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) Security assessment, reckoning acquisitions and militarisation plans of countries in the region, including Pakistan, remain under constant review and plans for defence preparedness are formulated accordingly.

Development of Industrial Base

2000. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the vast defence industrial base has not been geared up to fully exploit the foreign defence collaboration available to Government;

(b) whether it is also a fact that instead an emphasis has been made to purchase new equipment and critical spares on easy terms from the former Soviet Union; and

(c) if so, the reasons for pursuing such a policy by Government when the country needs self reliance in defence preparedness?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) The approach of the Government is not restrictive in pursuing options of defence cooperation. The available options are evaluated on the basis of India's strategic and commercial interests and considerations of technical compatibility.

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युद्ध में शहीद हुए सैनिकों की पत्नियों के लिए उत्तर प्रदेश में पुनर्वास केन्द्र

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(क) युद्ध में मारे गए सैनिकों की विधवाओं के लिए उत्तर प्रदेश में किन-किन स्थानों पर पुनर्वास केन्द्रों की स्थापना की गई है ;

(ख) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान इन केन्द्रों को वर्षवार कितनी धनराशि आबंटित की गई है और इनकेन्द्रों के कार्यकलापों का ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या सरकार को इन केन्द्रों के अव्यवस्थित कार्यकरण के संबंध में कोई शिकायत या अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त हुए हैं ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है और उन पर क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) और (ख) गढ़वाल और कुमाऊं रेजिमेंटल केन्द्रों द्वारा क्रमश: लैन्सडौन और रानीखेत में युद्ध में वीरगति प्राप्त सैनिकों की पत्नियों और अन्यों के लाभ के लिए दो प्रशिक्षण एवं उत्पादन केन्द्र चलाए जा रहे हैं । लैन्सडौन केन्द्र को वर्ष 1989–90, 1990–91 और